ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A liquid crystal composition having a negative dielectric anisotropy, containing at least one compound selected from the group of compounds represented by Formulas (1-1), (1-2), (1-3) and (1-4) as a first component:

$$R^5$$
 R^5 R^2 $(1-1)$

$$R^{5} \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow R^{2}$$
 (1-2)

$$R^{5} \longrightarrow A^{5} \longrightarrow R^{2}$$
 (1-3)

$$R^{5} \longrightarrow 0 \longrightarrow A^{6} \longrightarrow R^{2}$$
 (1-4)

wherein R^5 is alkyl or alkenyl; R^2 is alkyl or alkoxy; A^5 is 1,4-phenylene or 2-fluoro-1,4-phenylene; and A^6 is 1,4-phenylene, 2-fluoro-1,4-phenylene or 2,3-difluoro-1,4-phenylene.